WO IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA FINOVA Capital Corporation, Plaintiff, No. CIV 02-1277-PHX RCB ORDER Vs. Richard A. Arledge, Inc., d/b/a Arledge Motor Co., et al., Defendants.

On September 26, 2005, Defendants Richard A. Arledge, Inc., et al. ("the Arledges") filed a motion for expedited discovery. Mot. (doc. 211). Due to the preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for October 24, 2005, the Arledges assert that they should be allowed to conduct limited discovery on issues relevant to the hearing.¹ The Arledges "seek to discover information regarding FINOVA's assets, whether or not each asset is secured, whether or not the security interest has been perfected, what assets have been sold

¹Regular discovery was closed in this case on March 31, 2004. Scheduling Order (doc. 81).

since Defendants filed their Application, what assets are about to be sold, etc." <u>Id.</u> at 2. The Arledges request that the Court order FINOVA to respond to such discovery requests within ten (10) days of service and direct FINOVA to produce a corporate representative for deposition on five (5) days notice. <u>Id.</u> at 3-4.

In its response, FINOVA does not object to the Arledges conducting limited discovery. Resp. (doc. 212) at 1. However, due to the fact that Defendants did not include in their motion the specific discovery requests they intend to pose, FINOVA asserts that it is impossible for it to determine "(a) if the scope of the requests are proper and (b) if the requested response deadline is reasonable in light of such scope." Id. at 2. FINOVA notes that it has approximately \$800 million of assets, "which necessarily will require narrow discovery requests in order to generate the information (and only the information) which the parties truly need for the hearing." Id. Thus, due to the Arledges' lack of specificity, FINOVA asks that the motion for expedited discovery be denied. Id.

The Arledges filed their reply on September 28, 2005. Reply (doc. 213). With this filing, Defendants filed copies of their proposed discovery requests. <u>Id.</u> They assert that at the time of filing their original motion, they had not yet "prepared the proposed discovery requests; but wanted to get the ball rolling due to the short amount of time before the October 24, 2005 hearing." <u>Id.</u> at 2.

IT IS ORDERED that the Arledges' Motion for Expedited
Discovery (doc. 211) is GRANTED with the following limitations:

(1) FINOVA is directed to respond to Interrogatories 1, 3, 4,

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5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, and Requests for Production of Documents 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8, within ten (10) days of service, or such additional time the Court may grant upon application. FINOVA must also respond to Requests for Production of Documents 3 and 4 within ten (10) days of service if such responses would amount to less than or equal to twenty (20) in number. Otherwise, the Court shall allow FINOVA, if it so chooses, an opportunity to be heard on the issue of the burdensomeness of such requests. In addition, FINOVA must produce a corporate representative for deposition on ten (10) days notice.

(2) FINOVA does not have to respond to Interrogatories 2 and 6, unless the Arledges, within ten (10) days of this order, indicate that they are willing to have the hearing on the application for a preliminary injunction reset to a future time that will allow FINOVA time to respond to such interrogatories.

Robert C.

Broomfield

Senior United States District Judge

DATED this 4th day of October, 2005.

Copies to counsel of record.